

Vietnam Area Course

January 19, 1968 16th

10:30 - 12:00

(Lecture & Discussion)

UNDERSTANDING VIETNAM

- A. Purpose of This Talk: To provide intellectual framework or umbrella for subsequent lectures on geography, history, sociology, current trends and problems.
- B. General Approach: The character of our understanding of Vietnam: what we know as opposed to what we don't know; how we can grow in knowledge and wisdom; what the American public needs to understand; what this Agency and other departments of the Government qua government agencies need to understand.
- C. Suggested Topics: Dimensions of the Problem: Historical, Cultural, Political, Strategic, Regional; Significance of the Past, Characteristics of the Vietnamese. Strengths and Weaknesses of Social and Political Institutions, the Process of Change in Vietnam, Interpersonal Relationships, Administrative Traditions and Procedures, the Vietnamese Understanding of the Character of the U.S A.

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